

Whereas, Persons—and particularly females—are made extremely uncomfortable by the presence of persons of the opposite sex in such facilities; and

Whereas, There is no way to determine the legitimacy of a claim of “gender identity,” thus opening the door to false claims made to gain entrance to such facilities for immoral and illegal purposes; and

Whereas, Agencies of the Federal Government have exceeded their lawful authority by construing various Acts of Congress as conferring a right to utilize such facilities designated for persons of the opposite sex upon persons claiming a “gender identity” different from their biological sex, to wit:

a. On January 7, 2015, the Department of Energy Office for Civil Rights issued a letter construing 34 C.F.R. 106.33 (implementing 20 USC 1681(a)) as requiring that transgender students in schools that receive Federal funds must “generally” be allowed to utilize bathrooms and locker rooms assigned to the gender with which they identify. The Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit, citing deference to administrative construction, has reinstated a suit by a transgender “male” to require her Virginia high school to allow her to use the boys rest room, and

b. The Department of Justice has sent a letter to the Governor of North Carolina, asserting that the provisions of North Carolina H.B. 2 violates the Civil Rights Act of 1964 because it treats Transgender persons differently than non-transgender persons by denying all persons the right to use multi-person facilities assigned to persons of the opposite sex, and

Whereas, the expanded interpretations set out above will require schools, in particular, to require that schoolchildren share toilet, locker and shower facilities with any person of the opposite sex that claims a different “gender identity,” and

Whereas, with particular reference to 20 USC 1681(a), this expanded interpretation of “sex” will have the effect of mandating that transgendered “females” be allowed to try out for and compete in women’s sports and, because of the greater strength and speed potential of biological males, will largely destroy the very women’s sports programs that the provision was designed to foster, and which it has fostered with great success; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved as follows;

1. That the foregoing expansions of these Acts of Congress to create rights never intended or contemplated at the time they were enacted is an unconstitutional exercise of legislative power by the Executive Branch, and must be addressed IMMEDIATELY!

2. That the United States Code must be amended to clarify the erroneous “interpretation” placed on it by the Executive Branch by enacting a statute worded substantially as follows:

As used in this Code, the word “sex” refers only to biological sex unless expressly stated to the contrary. No such reference in this Code either requires or prohibits any particular treatment of transgender individuals unless some particular treatment is expressly stated therein.

3. That since such legislation is certain to be vetoed by our President, the foregoing bill MUST BE PASSED AND PRESENTED TO HIM in a timely manner, so that upon returning it to Congress, ample time for votes to override that veto can be held BEFORE THE ELECTION IN NOVEMBER.

4. That this resolution be forwarded to our Representative and to both of our Senators, with the notation that failure to vigorously pursue the passage of the above statute will be construed by the Club as your agreement with these unconstitutional actions by the Executive Branch.

5. The undersigned officers of the West Knoxville/Knox County Republican Club execute this resolution in their capacities as officers only, and that the undersigned represent that this Resolution was passed without opposition by the voting members present at the June 13, 2016 meeting of the club.

Resolved by the Club this the 13th day of June, 2016

GARY LOE,
Vice President.
PAUL E. WEHMEIER,
President.

CONGRATULATING THE LCHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2016

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the following coaches, contributors, and athletes for being selected to the Loudoun County High School Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2016. Pat McManus, Alan Smith, Dr. Robert K. Belote, James M. “Jimmy” Kidwell, Reginal “Reggie” Evans, Susan Moxley, David DiMillio, Kristen DiMillio, Kevin Grigsby, Joanna Penn, Shari Mayr, Derrick Ellison, and Marie Bolton were all named to the LCHS Hall of Fame. These individuals have earned this honor through their passion and commitment to athletics.

These outstanding men and women’s hard work, perseverance, and athletic excellence are exemplified in their receipt of this honor. Coming from a family of educators, I understand not only how important a strong education is to the future of our country, but also the need for athletic competition to form a well-rounded member of society. We need to encourage more people to imitate these individuals who have worked so hard to accomplishing this incredible goal.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to highlight the importance of this achievement and what it represents for these men and women. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating them on being inducted into the Loudoun County High School Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2016. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE FOR H.R. 4487

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2016

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, in accordance with House Report 114–589, Part 1, I submit the following Congressional Budget Cost Estimate for H.R. 4487.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
U.S. CONGRESS,
Washington, DC, July 5, 2016.

Hon. BILL SHUSTER,
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 4487, the Public Buildings Reform and Savings Act of 2016.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Matthew Pickford.

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL.

Enclosure.

H.R. 4487—Public Buildings Reform and Savings Act of 2016

H.R. 4487 would amend federal law to provide new authorities to the General Services Administration (GSA) and the Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Protective Service (FPS) to manage federal real estate assets and security at those facilities. The act also would require GSA to prepare a number of reports for the Congress and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to complete an audit of GSA’s national broker contract. Finally, the legislation would require that lactation rooms be available in all federal buildings that are open to the public.

Based on information from GSA and the FPS, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4487 would cost \$3 million over the 2017–2021 period, mostly for GSA to prepare reports on a variety of subjects, including a comparison of the cost of owning or leasing space, an explanation of why the costs of construction projects exceed their initial estimates, a review of current rental rates, and an analysis of the use of refrigerants in equipment installed in federal buildings. CBO also estimates that it would cost GAO less than \$500,000 annually to prepare the required audit. Based on information from GSA, CBO estimates that the act’s requirements to establish lactation rooms in federal buildings would have an insignificant cost because it would apply only to federal buildings that are open to the public and that have lactation rooms designated for use by federal employees. Finally, CBO estimates that providing the FPS with additional law enforcement authorities would not have a significant cost.

Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4487 would not increase direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

CBO also reviewed provisions of the legislation that would require GSA to build a new headquarters for the Department of Energy (DOE), to be financed by exchanging or selling DOE’s current headquarters in the Forrestal Building Complex in Washington, D.C. Based on information from GSA and property developers, CBO expects that constructing a new DOE headquarters could not be accomplished solely through a sale or exchange of the current facility, and would require the expenditure of additional appropriated funds, which are not authorized by this act. Under H.R. 4487, if a new headquarters facility could not be built, GSA would be directed to sell any underutilized or vacant property in the Forrestal Complex. Based on information from GSA, CBO does not expect that enacting the bill would result in more sales than would otherwise occur under current law.

H.R. 4487 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Matthew Pickford. The estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.